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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: ROC RELATIONS WITH LIBYA  
REFS: (A) TAIPEI 05405, (B) TRIPOLI 1106(NOTAL)

1. DURING THE COURSE OF AN AUGUST 24 COURTESY CALL, THE DCM WAS TOLD BY ROC MOFA VICE MINISTER YANG HSI-K'UN THAT THE ROC HAS STILL RECEIVED NO WORD FROM THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT ITS INTENTIONS CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH THE ROC (REF A). JALUD HAD RETURNED TO TRIPOLI ON AUGUST 17, BUT HE HAD NEITHER INFORMED THE ROC DIRECTLY NOR THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES WHAT THE PRC VISIT WOULD MEAN FOR THE ROC. YANG, WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY VISITED LIBYA ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, SAID HE THOUGHT QADHAFI HAD SENT JALUD TO PEKING TO FORMALIZE RELATIONS IN ORDER TO GET THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS INTO LIBYA TO LIMIT SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE AREA. IN ADDITION, QADHAFI PROBABLY WISHED TO PERSUADE PEKING NOT TO SUPPORT SADAT TO THE  
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EXTENT IT HAS IN THE PAST.

2. YANG NOTED THAT ONE OF THE FACTORS RESTRAINING LIBYA'S RELATIONS WITH THE PRC IN THE PAST, AND PERHAPS STILL INFLUENCING THE FORM OF CONTINUED ASSOCIATION QADHAFI MIGHT WISH WITH THE ROC, IS THE PRESENCE OF 183 ROC EXPERTS HELPING LIBYA. YANG NOTED THAT 140

OF THE TECHNICIANS ARE CONNECTED WITH, INDEED "FORM THE HEART OF," THE COMMUNICATIONS CORPS OF THE LIBYAN ARMED FORCES. QADHAFI HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN THE COMMUNICATIONS CORPS, WHICH EXPLAINED HIS AWARENESS OF THE ROC AND ITS CONTRIBUTION IN THAT FIELD. YANG THOUGHT QADHAFI WOULD WISH TO KEEP MANY OF THE TECHNICIANS AND WAS AWARE THAT JORDAN HAD DONE SO DESPITE ITS RECOGNITION OF THE PRC. (YANG MENTIONED THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM KING HUSSEIN AND THAT JORDAN MAINTAINS AN UNOFFICIAL OFFICE HERE.) LIBYA WOULD WORK OUT A FORMULA FOR RETAINING THE TECHNICIANS, YANG CALCULATED, AND WOULD PERMIT SOME KIND OF PRIVATE OFFICE TO HANDLE SUCH COOPERATION. YANG THOUGHT THE ROC WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A SITUATION PROVIDED THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT WOULD GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF THE TECHNICIANS. UNGER

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